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**REQUEST FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000 provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number: 09/960,316

Filing Date: September 24, 2001

First Named Inventor: Tsuyoshi SHIBATA

Group Art Unit: 1765

Examiner: Ahmed, S.

Attorney Docket Number: 04329.2675

Attorney Customer Number: 22,852

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**Note:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See "Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice," Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (March 20, 2000). Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (April 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114: Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, application must request non-entry of such amendment.**

- a. ☒ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- i. ☒ Consider the arguments in the Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on October 7, 2003.
- ii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed:
- i. ☒ Supplemental Response
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- iv. ☒ Other: Petition for Extension of Time

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-mentioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Fees**

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- a. ☒ The filing fee is calculated as follows:
- i. ☒ \$770.00 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Petition for extension of time for (two (2) Months) \$420.00
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$1,190.00 enclosed.
- c. ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in the filing fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

**Signature of Applicant, Attorney, or Agent Required**

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Date: November 25, 2003

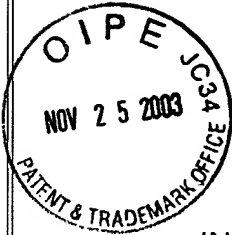
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PATTERN )

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**SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 8, 2003**

Concurrent with a Request for Continued Examination requesting the entry of the Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed on October 7, 2003, ("Amendment"), Applicant submits the following additional remarks. The period for response to the Final Office Action dated July 8, 2003, has been extended to December 8, 2003, by the Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time filed herewith.

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